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Gulf Coast Sheep

Three bags full

Raising Gulf Coast Sheep has kept the Stretton family up to their eyeballs in fleece



The Gulf Coast sheep breed has a natural resistance to parasites and can handle southern heat easily. Each spring, Lloyd and Margrett Stretton of Dry Creek shear their herd and produce a variety of dyed yarns from the raw wool.

By Sam Irwin

Margrett Stretton of Running Moon Farm in Dry Creek is a can-do woman.

She was a cowgirl in her younger days, tooling about on an Arabian to work cattle on her parent's New Mexico ranch. She is a jewelry artist and also works with ceramics. She knits, sews and builds fabric tools. She always has a garden and routinely cans figs and tomatoes for the year.

One would think after 34 years of working for BellSouth as a phone operator in Beauregard Parish she would slow down, but she hasn't.

Instead, she and her husband Lloyd became sheep farmers.

"I am one of those women that sees something and says, 'I want to do that,'" Margrett said. "And there are still so many things I want to do."

There are two basic things a farmer can do with a sheep. He can produce wool or meat.

The Stretton's decided to produce wool.

Wool production in Louisiana? Go figure.

Unbeknownst to most Louisiana residents, hundreds of thousands of a hardy, feral sheep breed called the Gulf Coast once free-ranged across the southwestern plains of Beauregard, Calcasieu, Vermilion, Jeff Davis and Cameron parishes.

The Spanish brought sheep to the New World first in the 16th century. The descendants of those early sheep mingled with later European-introduced breeds and through the process of natural selection and the humid conditions

of Florida, the Gulf Coast sheep was born. (The Gulf Coast is known as the Louisiana Native or Florida Native as well.)

Knowing they needed a resilient line for Louisiana's heat, the Strettons

decided to specialize in the Gulf Coast breed.

As a young boy, Lloyd's family raised sheep in Dry Creek and he often found work with the larger sheep growers as a shearer and general farm hand, but he went to New Mexico to "play cowboys and Indians."

"I was a hired hand at Margrett's parent's ranch," Lloyd said. "But I came home because I figured I could make a living here."

He and Margrett started Running Moon Farm in 1969 with a Gulf Coast ram and two ewes they purchased from Dempsey Perkins, a fifth-generation shepherd from *See Gulf Coast sheep, page 2*



A brief history of Gulf Coast sheep

By Dempsey Perkins
(Editor's note: Dempsey Perkins of Reeves, a fifth-generation sheep farmer, was the premier purveyor of the Gulf Coast Native sheep breed in southwest Louisiana. His Perkins Farm kept the sheep herding tradition alive in Louisiana long after the introduction of synthetic fiber collapsed the wool market in the

1950s. This article, written by Perkins, is from www.running-moonfarm.com. Perkins passed away last Christmas.)

The history of Gulf Coast Sheep is somewhat sketchy, but we know that early Spanish explorers left some sheep behind, and these were the foundation stock of the breed. Through the years the **See Perkins, page 2**

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gradual blending of mostly English white-faced breeds occurred as settlers tried crossbreeding on a very limited scale. There is however, some definite Tunis influence in some lines of Gulf Coast Native.

Gulf Coast rams were never seriously challenged by any other breed under open range conditions. The largest numbers of sheep ranged across the deep south within 100 miles of the Gulf Coast. The largest concentration was in Southwest Louisiana where the numbers were in the hundreds of thousands during the 1930s and 1940s.

Since these sheep ran year round on open range without a herder, they became very self-sufficient. Even though they had no supplemental feeding at any time of the year, not only did they survive, they thrived. Winter temperatures in Louisiana can often reach below freezing temperatures and there is little native forage available from November to March, but still they multiplied.

The Gulf Coast were rounded up twice a year, once in the spring for docking and marking lambs, and once in the summer for shearing and dipping for ticks. The sheep were never wormed, and they lambed on their own without assistance. You could have called this the survival of the fittest, even though there was an amazingly low mortality rate.

The Gulf Coast Native is an extremely hardy sheep. Studies at the University of Florida and Louisiana State University found that Gulf Coast Sheep have natural resistance to internal parasites. Some flocks have been maintained for years without de-wormers. Foot rot is less likely to occur in these sheep. Gulf Coast Sheep have also become adapted to high heat and humidity in summer months and are active breeders during this stressful time.

Gulf Coast Sheep are small to medium sized with adult rams typically weighing 125-200 pounds and ewes in the 80-160 pound range. Most sheep are white to tan with a nice medium grade fleece. They have open faces, legs and the bellies are mostly clean. A small tuft of wool on the poll is sometimes present. Both sexes may be polled or horned. Rams and ewes are active breeders all year, and begin at a very young age. Ewes are excellent mothers, lamb without assistance and giving ample milk for two lambs.

In 1994, the Gulf Coast Sheep Breeders Association was established to register animals and disseminate information about the breed.

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Reeves.

Margrett said their early goal was to create a colored flock. Occasionally the silver-coated Louisiana Native breed will produce a black-faced sheep so the Strettons kept the first dark-colored ram and began a line of black-faced sheep in addition to their registered Gulf Coast flock.

"We worked really hard to establish a line with the red to black color," Margrett said. "The auburn color is very beautiful."

The Strettons also use the Marsh Romney breed, but found the Gulf Coast superior for the Louisiana climate mainly because of their natural resistance to parasites and disease.

They like to limit their herd to about 40 sheep, but Hurricane Rita never heard of animal husbandry.

"Rita was such a wonderful experience," Margrett quipped. "One of our rams, he's entering the winter of his life, got out and had so much fun. But he was throwing little girls. Now we have about 70."

Every spring the Strettons shear their sheep for the wool. They keep five in the chute at a time during the process.

Using the classic shepherd's crook, a sheep is coaxed up a ramp to the shearing barn, which is 10 feet off the ground. The animal is immovably

strapped to the shearing table so it can't hurt itself or the shearer. Using an overhanging tool with a flexible shaft that resembles an overgrown barber's clippers, Lloyd starts from the belly and relieves the lamb of its wool.

The Gulf Coast sheep produces a fiber that is about four to five inches long.

When he was younger Lloyd could shear up to 90 a day, but since Margrett says they are now "old and tired," they are satisfied to clip six of the fuzzy critters during the season.

After each lamb is sheared, she carefully tags the wool into a plastic bag with an identifying code.

"I don't want my fleeces co-mingling," she said.

Before the introduction of synthetic fabric, sheep farmers could simply sell the raw wool to large buyers like the U.S. Army.

"The main thing was wool production, but wool was never much more than 16 or 18 cents a pound," Lloyd said. "So we needed to do something with our wool to get a little more out of it. My family used to sell the lambs for meat, too, but my wife won't let me do that anymore. She doesn't want anything butchered."

What they do to get the most out of their raw wool is process the fiber into a usable product by dyeing and carding the fluffy stuff or spinning it into yarn.

Across the garden from the Strettons home is a low-slung shed filled with a warren of tiny rooms where Margrett washes, dries, disinfects, cards, weaves, spins and sews the raw wool into a variety of usable products.

The first step in the process is to wash the raw wool, taking care not to turn the stuff into an unusable pile of felt.

The natural color of the animal plays an important role in the tinting of the fiber.

"The silver fleece is the common color of the Gulf Coast," Margrett said. "You get the deepest colors from the silver fleece. The Gulf Coast sheep will start out dark and then kind of silver off. That's where I get my bright colors, my deep blues, my deep reds."

After the dyeing process the fleeces are allowed to dry on racks and then go through a carding machine that forces the fibers to align in the same direction. The carder works something like a hair brush, albeit a mean looking one with short steel bristles mounted on a machine-driven belt.

The fibers are removed from the brush bristles by passing a thin rod underneath the spikes and gently lifting the lint away. It's not unlike pulling the fabric lint from a household clothes drier trap.

Margrett often sells the dyed lint in bulk or by the ounce. If necessary she can spin it into yarn and has several beautiful spinners jammed in another cubbyhole room in her shop.

"When I am production spinning, I can do 300 or 400 yards an hour," she said.

The spinning wheel gently pulls the fiber and twists it into a yarn which is wound onto a bobbin. Most of the yarn is marketed through the Running Moon Web site.

Fabric and yarn production are only a small part of their sheep-derived industry.

After 15 years of learning about wool, the Strettons took their knowledge and began manufacturing looms and any number of hand-made tools specific to the weaving process. Most of their farm income comes from their peripheral weaving tool and custom loom-building work.

Lloyd and his brother, Norman, who is also a shepherd, are in the process of building an eight-foot loom for an out-of-state customer. Lloyd has fitted the loom with inserts that can

reduce the size from eight feet to six or four. It will be dismantled for shipping purposes to meet small package regulations.

An entire wall of Lloyd's woodworking shop is filled with an assortment of small pieces of native Louisiana tree branches. To the untrained eye it looks like a bunch of sticks, but when the wood is placed on a lathe, it can be transformed into a beautiful handle for nostepindes (a peg like instrument used to hold yarn), orifice hooks, spindles, or sett gauges.



Lloyd Stretton shears a lamb using an overhead clipper (above). Margrett uses a carding machine to align wool fibers (inset). Lloyd (in overalls) and his brother, Norman, take measurements for an eight-foot loom (below). The interior rails can be adjusted to reduce the loom's size. Behind them are shelves of rough wood which will be lathed into handles for weaving tools.

They also carry the Ashford spinning wheel line for re-sale.

"We have a backlog of woodworking orders," Margrett said. "We get as much as we want. And we're still catching up from Rita. But our customers are still wanting spinning wheels and looms."

Even though Lloyd and Margrett are both in their 60s, she wonders why they didn't go into shepherding sooner in life.

"I chose sheep because of my husband and found that I loved it," Margrett said. "He was raised with sheep and he wanted sheep. He loves sheep."

"I found I love working with the wool. I can work 16-hour days and be so darn tired in the evening, but I feel good. It's really a life dream for us. We worked all of our life for this little farm and for these sheep."

Lloyd, a quiet man, had another reason for being involved with the woolly critters.

"I like just watching life grow," the shepherd said. "It probably doesn't show and I don't talk about it much, but the Lord was a shepherd. I just think it's a natural thing for a Christian to do. It's a way to make a living."

For more information about Running Moon Farm, visit www.runningmoonfarm.com or call (337) 328-7320.



Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

Odom retools executive staff, appoints new staffer

Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom recently restructured the duties of executive staff and added a new staff member to aid in legislative efforts following the resignation of Deputy Commissioner Randal Johnson.

Luke Theriot, confidential assistant to the commissioner, will continue working on legislative affairs at both the state and federal levels while taking on additional departmental responsibilities. Ty Bromell has joined the executive staff as the special assistant to the commissioner and will assist in legislative and constituent affairs.

"I am very pleased to have Ty join the department and Luke step

up to take on more duties," Odom said. "With their combined expertise they will surely prove to be valuable assets to the department and to the agricultural community of Louisiana."

Bromell was born and raised in Ruston. He earned his bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech University.

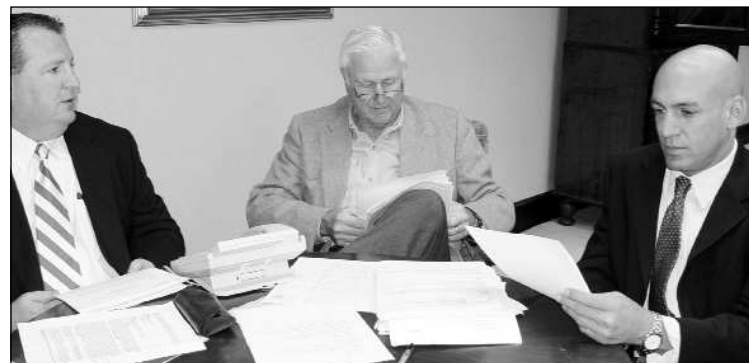
He served under then Lt. Gov. Kathleen Blanco as administrator of the Scenic Byway's Program and as administrator of the Audubon Golf Trail. Most recently, Bromell worked under Gov. Blanco as the executive director of the Office of Rural Development.

Theriot was born in Lafayette and raised in Catahoula on a sug-

arcane farm.

He has earned both a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness and a master's in agricultural economics from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Theriot has worked for the department since February 2003. Prior to coming to the department, he worked as a liaison between executive management, marketing and programmers for the internet company SageMaker Int. in Houston. He also worked for the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics and the Audubon Sugar Institute at the LSU AgCenter, where he researched international trade issues, game theory, coalition



From left, Ty Bromell, Commissioner Odom and Luke Theriot.

building and political influence on federal policy. Theriot also worked at an agribusiness technical school in Morocco while serving in the Peace Corps.

"Both of these young men bring

exceptional experience to the job. They have what it takes to get things done and are much attuned to the major issues facing agriculture and forestry right now," Odom said.

Did You Know:

Farmers, ranchers and landowners in Louisiana will be able to sign up for four hurricane assistance programs funded by USDA beginning May 17, Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom said.

"It's important that the state's producers talk to their local Farm Services Agency and get signed up as soon as possible. Their livelihoods are at stake," Odom said. "Our producers have been waiting for assistance for nearly nine months and this is a critical time for many. Although, most have made their planting decisions by now, this assistance will make or break their year. I am relieved that the USDA finally got their act together so our farmers can possibly remain in business."

Louisiana farmers will share \$250 million in Section 32 funds with Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas. The programs available are: Livestock Indemnity, Feed Indemnity, Hurricane Indemnity and Tree Indemnity.

"I urge producers to talk to FSA officials and find out which programs they qualify for and promptly submit their applications. Our farmers and ranchers suffered more than \$2 billion in losses so they need the money and they need it now," Odom said.

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

(60) **tiger stripe** cows, 2-5 yrs., some w/calves, \$900/1; (15) crossbred cows, 3-6 yrs., \$800/1; (30) Brangus heifers, exposed to Angus bull, \$800/1; (12) Braford heifers exposed to Angus bull, \$850/1. Troy Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-6615.

Reg. blk. Beefmaster bull, 15 mos., extra gentle, \$1200. William Deason, Pitkin; (318) 358-3304 or (337) 208-3033.

Corriente roping steers & heifers for sale or lease, \$450-\$600 or \$40/mo.; several blk. Corriente bulls, \$600/1-up. F. Calcote, Bunkie; (318) 346-6486 or (318) 201-0323.

Nice herd of Corriente & Corriente/Longhorn cross cows, (32) head, (20) w/calves on ground, (12) bred, all bred to blk. Corriente bulls, \$24,000. F. A. Calcote, Bunkie; (318) 346-6486 or (318) 201-0323.

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Charles Hampton, Natchitoches; (318) 352-6736.

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(2) **reg. Brahman** bulls, 2 yrs., dehorned, \$1200/1. O.O. Grant, Olla; (318) 495-5964.

(25) **bred Brangus** heifers, bred to lbw bulls, P3 guaranteed bred, \$1150/1. Brandon Habetz, Ragley; (337) 405-8596.

(40) **paired Brangus** heifers, blk. calves, 45 days old, exposed to high performance reg. Angus bulls, \$1200/1. B. Habetz, Ragley; (337) 405-8596.

(45) **crossbred** Brangus & Braford heifers, exposed to Angus bulls, \$900/1; (9) cow & calf prs., \$1150/pr. Johnny Gaudet, Abbeville; (337) 898-1699.

Pb Jersey bulls, 5 mos., \$300. K. Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

(2) **reg. Char.** bulls, 10 mos., \$1100. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 280-3306.

26-27 mo. bull, reg. Char., no bad habits, straight backline, Duke bloodline, semen tested, \$1900/1-up. L. Courville, Sunset; (337) 280-3306.

Char. bulls, 1-3 yrs., \$1200-\$2500; heifers, \$1000. Karen Fuqua, Effie; (318) 253-4682 or (318) 253-9255.

Pb Gelbvieh bulls, 22-24 mos., blk., \$1200-\$1500. Clint Hollis, Doyline; (318) 745-9940 or (318) 670-1065.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, Precision & Fame bloodlines, \$1200/1-up; reg. blk. Angus heifers, \$1000/1-

up. Jeanette Freeman, Columbia; (318) 649-5863.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls & heifers, 8 mos., \$800/1. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

Fresh roping cattle, steers & heifers, \$400/1. John Ritchie, St. Francisville; (225) 635-4704.

(20) **reg. blk.** Simm. heifers, produced from a sound AI breeding program using homozygous blk. & polled Simm. bulls, most are bred, some to Gambler & blk. Irish Kansas, \$1500-\$2500. G. Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

(22) **reg. blk.** Simm. bulls, long yrlgs. & 2 yrs., most are AI sired & produced from a strong AI breeding program using homozygous blk. & polled sires, big, thick, well-developed bulls, ready to breed. \$1400-\$3000. Nell Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

Reg. 5/8, 3/8 Braford bulls & heifers, champ bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$800/1-up; bred heifers, \$1400/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1700/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmeydad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Char. herd bulls, ready for heavy service, easy calving, great bloodlines, gentle disp., good-looking bulls w/excel. EPDs, good for either commercial or reg. herds, 2 ½ yrs., HBR Thunder 260P, \$1500; 6 ½ yr. old HBR program 803P, \$2000. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

(4) **Brangus** bulls, 2-3 yrs., \$1500-\$1750; (10) Angus bulls, 3 yrs., \$1500. Russell Greene, Kaplan; (337) 277-8179 or (337) 643-2867.

\$1200/1. Jerry Dison, Bienville; (318) 576-8950.

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Reg. Angus bulls, 5 yrs. w/papers, \$1400; Angus bull about 22 mos., pb, no papers, \$1200. Serving Romero, Youngsville; (337) 365-2052.

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Hereford bulls & heifers, weaning & up, great EPDs, super gentle, productive genetics, \$750/1-up. Richard Hoffpauir, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0519 or (337) 224-9859.

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Reg. blk. Angus bull, 4 yrs., gentle, great bloodlines, tested, \$1400. Adam Dupuy, Marksville; (318) 253-9517.

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Angus/Brangus heifers, 12-15 mos., all shots, gentle, \$750/1-up. Karen Saizan, Opelousas; (337) 585-2269 or (337) 945-0723.

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Beefmaster heifers, open & bred, 7 mos.-2 yrs., w/or w/o papers, \$750/1-up. Stephen Hanna, Coushatta; (318) 932-5062.

(2) reg. Angus bulls, 14-15 mos., grandsons of Bando 5175, rye grass tested, all EPDs, semen tested, cert. herd, \$1500-\$2000. Daman Albarado, Dusan; (337) 654-3599.

¼ **Brahman**, ¾ Hereford, born 10/04, \$800; Beefmaster, born 12/99, calf in March, \$1200. Jason Guidry, Abbeville; (337) 898-2119.

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Reg. Brangus bull, 18 mos., Sonar of Brinks, calving ease sire & leading IMF trait leader for the breed, dam is daughter of Brinks KO, top 20 trait leader for SC & IMF, superior genetics that will add value to your calves, will make a good heifer bull, gentle w/39" SC at 16 mos., \$1800. B. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

Reg. Brangus bull, 26 mos., super nice son of Leader of Brinks 302L, dam is paternal sister to Challenger, the breed's #2 ranking IMF sire, maternal brother to Lead Gun of Brinks 222K14, stout, correct front-end, heavy bone, good muscle & volume, very rugged w/SC of 38", the 222 cow family is getting the job done, \$5000. Bryan Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

(4) Brangus cross heifers, very gentle, (1) Brahman, (1) Char., all are 14 mos., some light bred to lbw BK Angus bull. Ronnie Andrus, St. Landry; (318) 838-2289.

Blk. baldies w/first calves at side, open, vacc. & wormed, they are ready for the bull of your choice, breeding options avail., \$1500/pr. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

Reg. Beefmaster bull, 2 yrs., 5502 grandson, ready for service, powerfull & superclean, \$1800. Richard Duric, Elton; (337) 734-4486.

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All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission basis. Every time you submit an advertisement one of the following must be provided. 1. All listings of horses, mules or jacks must be accompanied by a COPY of the original official negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (E.I.A.) that was performed within the past 6 months prior to sale on all horses, mules, and jacks, except nursing foals. (OR) 2. A signed statement from the seller stating that he will furnish the buyer with a negative Coggins at the time of sale.

Reg. AQHA yrlgs. & 3 yr. olds, \$850/1-up. Johnny Howell, DeRidder; (337) 462-4861.

Reg. TW, new foals & weans., pal., buckskin, blue roan, red roan, bay roan, spotted & blk., \$1000/1-up. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

(2) 4 yr. olds., (1) blk. & wh. App. geld., (1) chestnut QH filly, both are green broke, gentle & good disp., \$1000/1. Anita Pohl, Amite; (985) 748-6893.

2000 AQHA broodmares, sired by AQHA champ, in foal to own son fo Shining Spark, \$2000/1. J. M. Browning, Ethel; (225) 683-3627.

AQHA performance bred weans., yrlgs. & older horses, \$1500/1-up. J. M. Browning, Ethel; (225) 683-3627.

5 yr. reg. MFT geld., 15.2 hands, sorrel w/flaxen mane & tail, beautiful trail horse, \$1750. Carlton Luquette, St. Amant; (225) 675-8376 or (504) 451-6805.

2005 reg. App. stallion, chestnut w/large spots on rump, King David, Dream Finder, Plaudit bloodlines, good conform., correct & muscular build, \$1000. J. Robinson, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

1998 reg. App. geld., chestnut w/large spotted wh. blanket, pro trained, stocky build, \$2000. J. Robinson, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

2004 reg. App. stallion, off of dbl. bred King QH mare, & Dream Finder stallion, chestnut w/blaze & blue eye, ready for training, \$800. A. Robinson, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

Miniature horses, (1) 34" mahogany bay mare, very gentle, in foal to blk. & wh. stallion, \$650; 30" 2 yr. blk. & wh. stallion, very gentle, \$400. Megan Losavio, Torbert; www.geocities.com/friscofarms, (225) 223-2008 or (225) 625-4439.

Miniature horse, AMHA reg., 33" sorrel pinto mare, very gentle, exposed to a stallion & is possibly bred, \$1000. Vincent Losavio, Torbert; www.geocities.com/frisco-

farms, (225) 223-2008 or (225) 625-4439.

Caspian reg. CHSA, light sorrel bay, 3 yr. geld., 12.2 hands, green broke, ties, loads, trailers, sire Henden Daniel, dam Morakazi, Piaz Pari', \$3000 or will trade for reg. Angus heifers/Beefmasters. Jennie Duncan, Iowa; calcasieu@att.net (337) 582-6321.

2002 blk. overo mare, pro trained, English & Western, show ready, started jumping, would make awesome speed horse, she can really fly, Buck McCue & Jet Deck, \$4000 or trade for a slow WP show paint. Christina Miller, Killian; (225) 695-6746.

Reg. TW racking filly, mare, broodmare & pal. stud colt, some ready to ride, ready to start riding or will breed to cremello stud, \$1000/1-up. Darin Burge, Walker; (225) 686-1695 or (225) 335-7780.

Reg. 6 yr. roan geld., 15 hands, 1200 lbs., very good for any rider, including kids, \$1800. John Martin, Moreauville; (318) 997-2284.

(2) beautiful reg. red QHs, 3 & 4 yrs., great for broodmares, \$2000/both. Sam Zaunbrecher, Eunice; (337) 580-2725.

Reg. AQHA sorrel filly, foal March '05, dbl. bred Leo & Pudden Head, Pudden Head, on papers, \$750. Vernon Humphries, Zachary; (225) 654-4962 or (225) 937-6625.

1997 blk. & wh. tobiano mares, very pretty, wide muscular build, 14.3 hands, 1200 lbs., used trail riding, had pro training, gentle & sound, \$2000 obo. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

(2) '02 gelds., chestnut, 14 hands, 1150 lbs., well built, 90 days riding, good heel or sorting horses, good heel or sorting horses prospect, sorrel, 15.2 hands, 1200 lbs., big & stout w/30 days riding, good roping, heading or barrel horse prospect, \$1500/1. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

SSHBEA blk. & wh. trail horses, (3) gelds., \$3000/1-up. John Slocum, Larose; (985) 637-6506.

Reg. Arabian stallions, 4 yrs., mahogany bay, \$5000 firm; 3 yr. gray Egyptian bloodline, show record, \$3000. Lamar Branham, Scott; (337) 212-3697.

Pal. stud, easy to handle, gaited, \$1500; ½ Welsh, ½ pal. geld., 3 yrs., halter broke, \$300. Charles Hampton, Natchitoches; (318) 352-6736.

AMHA & AMHR miniature horses, (2) mares, \$800 or reasonable offer. Shirley Marshall, Hessmer; (318) 563-4983.

APHA beautiful, sweet, healthy yrlgs. & older horses, well bred, Scribbles, Sky Bug Bingo, Conclusive, Impressive Lines, up-to-date on all vacc., trimmed, wormed regularly, \$700/1-up. Gwen Smith, Sunset; sun-paintacres@aol.com or (337) 257-4686.

Reg. AQHA pal. stallion, Doc

Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, King P-234 & Barpass Myers bred, \$6000 nego. E.J. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. AQHA broodmares, granddaughter of Sonny Dee Bar, in foal, (1) colt, (3) fillies out of same mare, sire is Doc Bar, Puddenhead, Peppy San & Bar Pass Myers bred, also reg. App. mare in foal to same sire, \$1000-\$3500. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. blk./wh. App. stallion, Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred, \$5000 nego. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

March '06 bay filly, dam is AQHA Freckles Playboy/Doc Bar dam, sire AQHA Peppy San Badger sire, both dam & sire can be seen on site, \$850. Raymond Simmons, Independence; (985) 878-3642.

April '06 bay colt, out of AQHA Puddenhead dam & AQHA dbl. bred Peppy San Badger sire, both dam & sire can be seen on site, \$750 obo. Lorraine Simmons, Independence; (985) 878-3642.

Reg. MFT mare, 10 yrs., sorrel, 15 hands, excel. trail horse, easy keeper, loads, trims & clips, water, traffic, bridges no problem, easy to catch, \$1100. Sid Moreland, Minden; (318) 371-0747 or (318) 371-6799.

2001 AQHA pal. mare, green broke, gentle w/lots of potential, \$1300. Perry Threeton, Springfield; (985) 507-1039.

App. horses, APHC weans., yrlgs., broodmares, gelds. & mares, \$750-\$8000. Ronnie Huckaby, Jonesboro; (318) 259-2306 or (318) 548-6724.

Arabians, reg. fillies & mares, excel. Spanish & Egyptian bloodlines, exceptional quality, must sell, \$2500/1-up, terms avail. F. Larry Martinez, Port Barre, (337) 585-6969.

Reg. Jan. '06 stud colt, sorrel w/blaze, a lot of muscle, Skipper W & Leo breeding, must see to appreciate, roping prospect, \$1000. Keith Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 230-5216.

Blk. reg. pb Arabian yrlg. colt, great bloodlines, bred for blk., will exceed 15 hands easily at maturity, built for competition, this colt has it all, disp., conform., bloodlines, color & size, \$2500 obo. Anna Baudoin, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2186.

Paso Finos, \$3500/1 & up; (3) QH mares, can be ridden by children, (1) paint, \$900/1-up. M. Clark, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0607.

10 yr. bay john mule, \$1200; 16 mo. Catalanian jack, \$800; Amish buggy w/harness, \$2500. Leroy, Foret Sr., Plaquemine; (318) 922-3861.

TW geld., blk., 17 hands, spirited, 4 yrs., harness broke & saddle broke, \$1200 nego. Darlene

Deloach, Bunkie; (318) 346-9937.

Reg. TWHBEA stallion, foal 11/02/04, four WGC on papers, Prides Generator top & bottom, \$2700 or trade for gooseneck trailer w/dovetail or Peruvian Paso mare or filly. Paul Sumrall, Denham Springs; (225) 202-8166 or (225) 667-1797.

Reg. QHs, yrlds., 2 yrs., 3 yrs. & broodmares, \$1500/1-up. Deborah Pellerin, New Iberia; (337) 886-0020 or (337) 257-3310.

AQHA reg. 6 yr. sorrel mare, 15 hands, granddaughter of Jet Injun & Sport Model, Ethan, very responsive to cues, \$2500. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

AQHA broodmare, brown, 20 yrs., bloodline, Easy Jet & Top Deck, flashy breeder, easy keeper, presently open, qualified in barrels & poles for Little Britches finals, \$2500. Jerry Iman, Pitkin; (337) 328-7328.

Mini horse stallion, 38", flashy bay w/blaze, 7 yrs., \$500. Clint Hollis, Doyline; (318) 745-9940.

Reg. Three Bar mare, bred to a son of Dash For Cash, \$3500 firm. F.J. Floyd, Crowley; (337) 783-6437.

Reg. Sunset Six mare, bred to a son of Chicks Bedtime & Ms. Jess Perry, \$3500 firm. F.J. Floyd, Crowley; (337) 783-6437.

(2) AQHA chestnut sorrel mares, 3 yrs., broke, ready to finish, Zippo Pine Bar bloodline, w/all tack, \$2000/1. Terry Taylor, Winnfield; (318) 628-9817.

Young broke geld., big & strong, reg., \$1250. John Ritchie, St. Francisville; (225) 635-4704.

Leo Gay Lita APHA #418,617 sorrel tobiano paint mare, w/filly foal at side, by CNRS Skipper Leo APHA 579,933 & bred back, \$2000. Dolores Haynes, Shongaloo; (318) 846-2622.

One Classy Lassie APHA 547,008 sorrel tobiano paint mare w/stud colt at side by CNRS Skipper Leo APHA 579,933 & bred back, \$2000. Glynn Haynes, Shongaloo; (318) 846-2622.

One Pappy Chic APHA 484,537, tobiano paint mare w/filly foal at side, by CNRS Skipper Leo, APHA 579,933 & bred back, \$2000. G. W. Haynes, Shongaloo; (318) 846-2622.

4 yr. reg. blue papered Missouri Fox Trotter geld., trail ready, loads, clips, ties, shoes, crosses water & bridges, great little trail horse, \$2500. Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; <http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

4 yr. reg. Missouri Fox Trotter geld., beautiful dapple gray, ridden on trails, big motor, not for beginners, finish him out for \$2500 or we finish & the price goes up. Donnie Thrash, Bastrop; <http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

5 time world champ trainer, specializing in all breeds, gentle colt starting, speed events, cattle class-

es & ranch using horses, mechanical cow & live cattle on site, showing, shoeing & lessons, limited overnight boarding. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; <http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

Wanted: 1 or 2 miniature paint jennies, 30"-40". Norman Ordeneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

Wanted: horse, safe for a child or inexperienced rider, preferably a geld., approx. 15 yrs., will consider a mare. Ralph Marks, Marksville; (318) 253-6943.

Wanted: gaited buggy horse, prefer mare. Isaac Jordan, Alexandria; (318) 487-8276 or (318) 308-8276.

Wanted: older pony or mini horse to act as companion for my horse, must have negative Coggins & current of vaccs. H. Stephenson, Erwinville; (225) 627-4348.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA Honor & Cash, 15.2 hands, chestnut, Dash For Cash, Easy Jet, Texas Dancer, Hijo the Bull, Boston Mac, Leo, \$400/\$5. Beth Humphries, Monroe; (318) 343-0823.

APHA '03 blk./wh. tobiano, tested homozygous to blk. gene & tobiano pattern, 14.3 hands, \$275/\$5 mare care, solid color mares nego. Dean Landry, Jennings; (337) 824-7487 or (337) 824-4889.

Cremello AQHA stallion, 15.2 hands, throws only pal., buckskin & grullo colors, bloodlines, Dash For Cash, Go Man Go, Zan Parr Bar, Skipster's Lad, world champ hatter, La. race accredited, long bodied, \$500/\$6 dry mare care, \$7 wet mare care. Lisa Lyon, Welsh; (337) 753-2590 or (337) 370-3479.

App. stallion APHC, Obvious Steel, blk. & wh., foundation bred, 100% color producer, halter, performance & running bloodlines, great disp., conform. & athletic abilities, '05 reserve grand champ aged stallions & gelds., 2nd in color in Pine Bluff Ark., '06 1st in aged stallions & geld., \$400/\$5 mare care. Donnie Thrash, Bastrop; dixland@earthlink.net, <http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

AQHA/IBHA buckskin, Smart Little Lena, Freckles Cowboy, King's Copy, Lena's Vegas Boy, 14.3 hands, great disp., eligible as breeding sire by APHA, \$300/\$3 mare care. Joe Kimble, Ethel; (225) 683-5873 or (225) 326-9112.

Golden pal., 15 hands, muscular build, King Poco Bueno, Two-Eyed Jack, Old Man, Mood Deck bloodline, \$200. Randy Turner, Boyce; (318) 443-3094.

Arabians, reg., straight Spanish, gray but produces color, champ bloodlines, extremely long neck, foals to show, Egyptian, snow white, multi champ at halter, very typey, sires exotic foals, both 15+ hands, \$600, purebreds, others nego. F. Larry Martinez, Port Barre; (337) 585-6969.

Shining Sneakers, very calm & athletic, AQHA open superior reining, circuit championships, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, \$750, plus mare care. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.bor-quarterhorses.com, (225) 667-7415.

Bay stallion, out of Smart Little Uno, son of Smart Little Lena by Pudden Teene daughter of Pudden Head, Doc's O'Lena, Smart Peppy, Doc's Marmoset, Doc Bar, Susie's Bay, Smart Little Lena, Pudden Head & Little Jodie on papers, \$400/\$5 mare care. Francis Benoit, Thibodaux; (985) 633-5537.

Own son of Smart Little Uno, out of a daughter of Pudden Head, Smart Little Lena, Doc's Marmoset Doc O'Lena, Smart Peppy, Doc Bar, Susie's Bay, Little Jodie, Harvey's Randy on his papers, \$400/\$5 mare care. F. Benoit, Thibodaux; (985) 633-5537.

1998 golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

2001 bay stallion, 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained, now being shown in cutting, lots of cow, Tanquary Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$400/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

Reg. 4 yr. blk./wh. tobiano, homozygous TW stallion, own son of Calvin Klein, by Bob's Beaucoup Boy, dam is Cheyenne's Painted Lady, 16 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful disp. & conform., \$300/\$5 mare care. Jim Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. chestnut & wh. tobiano homozygous TW stallion, by Battle Colors, & Paints Moon Man, 15.3 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Melissa Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. 5 yr. blk. TW stallion, sire is I'm Dumas Walker, by the Pusher CG (WGC), by Mark of Carbon (WGC), dam is Star's Barbie Doll, by Johnny Cash, by Midnight Sun (WGC), 15.1 hands, great disp. & conform., \$300/\$5 mare care. Cody Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. TW stallion, uniquely marked blk. & wh. tobiano, by Handshaker's Blizzard & Choochoo's Velvet, WGC bloodlines, great disp., rides & pulls buggy, \$300/\$5 mare care. Clyde Savage, Plaquemine; (318) 939-2170.

Reg. TW stallion, Bright Chestnut & wh. tobiano, by Sparks of Battle, Ready & Conrads's Angel Fire, WGC bloodlines, great disp., rides & pulls buggy, \$300/\$5 mare care. C. Savage, Plaquemine; (318) 939-2170.

Gray Caspian reg. CHSA stallion, 6 yrs., Kristall Ingot, full blood & part blood foals, reg. CHSA, \$350/\$5 mare care. Jennie Duncan, Iowa; (337) 582-6321.

SHEEP & GOATS

Pb Barbado ram, dark w/blk. belly, ready for service, \$85. Buddy Thistrup, DeRidder; (337) 462-3446.

Fb reg. Boer buck, correct color, very large frame, many offspring to see, very gentle to handle, \$400. Earl Jones, Slaughter; (225) 654-2417.

Pygmy goat, NPGA reg. caramel buck, 8 wks., very nice conform., very tame, \$150. Vincent Losavio, Torbert; www.geocities/friscofarms, (225) 223-2008 or (225) 625-4439.

(4) young Pygmy goat bucks, all colors to choose from, all around 8 wks., very tame, \$85/1 or would make great pets as wethers, \$65/1. Megan Losavio, Torbert; www.geocities/friscofarms, (225) 223-2008 or (225) 625-4439.

Fb reg. Boer does, 2 yrs., \$350/1; fb reg. buck, born 8/26/04, Eggsteme ennobled bloodline, \$500; fb reg. Boer doe, 4 mos., \$300; disbudded fb reg. Boer buck, 3 mos., \$300. Patrick Carriere, Carencro; (337) 896-3808.

Boer goats, (1) 5 mo. buck, 100%, \$125; (1) 5 mo. buck, 96.88%, \$100; (2) wethers, \$75/1; percentage does, \$100/1-up. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

Boer male goats, \$75/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

St. Croix sheep, spring lambs, hoof rot/parasite/heat resistant, no shearing, milk flavor, reg. ewes & rams, \$100/1-up. Jeff Kuehny, Clinton; (225) 235-3936.

(1) male Boer goat, correct color, 2 1/2 yrs., \$250. Sam Zaunbrecher, Eunice; (337) 580-2725.

Nubian, LaMancha, Alpine & Saanen, '06 kids & some milkers, \$60/1-up; wethers, \$40/1. David Rigsby, Converse; (318) 796-2796.

Young goats for 4th of July barbecue, \$35/1; Boer buck, born 5/27/05, (2) pb Nubian bucks, Bonnie, Denham Springs; bonnies-farm@charter.net, (225) 791-2968 or (225) 936-3592.

Katahdin lambs, \$55/1 or \$50/1 if more than one purchased. Kim Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 886-7372.

Wanted: herd of brush goats. Ollie Deville, Ville Platte; (337) 363-9191 or (337) 363-3911.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Great Pyrenees, female, 6 mos., raised w/goats, chickens, horses & children, \$150. Candy Foster, Bush; (985) 892-3881.

Reg. border collie pups, 8 wks., \$250/1. Bennie Lee, Greensburg; (225) 222-6287.

AKC reg. miniature pinscher pups, born 3/23/06, parents avail. to view, \$250. M. Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7705 or (337) 789-6477.

AKC Weimaraner pups, silver gray, (3) males, (1) female, born 3/8/06, ready 4/19/06, shots, tails docked, dew claws, \$550. Jennie Duncan, Iowa; calcasieu@att.net or (337) 582-6321.

Australian shepherd pups, born 3/29/06, mixed colors, parents dbl. reg., NSDR & CKC, \$250/1. Charles Thomas, Albany; (225) 567-2676 or (985) 351-2250.

Blue heeler, female, 8 mos., good bloodlines, \$100. Peter Palermo, Morganza; (225) 694-2215.

NALC Catahoula female, 6 mos., striped brown & brindle w/two wh. socks, \$200. Kelvin Perron, Port Allen; (225) 614-6843.

ABCA border collie pups, born 1/26/06, blk./wh., \$200. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Pb Jack Russell pups, short legs, short hair, parents on premises, tails docked & first shots, cute & mart, ready 6/1/06, \$200, cash only. Lloyd Menard Sr., Eunice; (337) 457-3959.

Great Pyrenees, farm/guard dog, free to good home, 5 yr. neutered male, great w/animals, from poultry to goats, we no longer need a guard dog, needs good home. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

AKC flashy boxer pups, 6 wks., champ. bloodline, brindle & fawn, vet checked, shots & wormed, \$400-\$600. Laurie Rivers, Tickfaw; (985) 345-1449 or (985) 969-4914.

ABCA reg. border collie pups, born 2/11/06, vacc. & wormed, (2) males, (3) females, ready to go, \$150/1. Allen Hanna, Ruston; (318) 247-0071.

Reg. Australian shepherd females, (1) 4 yrs., blk. & wh., \$200; (1) 7 yrs., blue merle, \$200; (1) 10 mos., blue merle, \$300. James Boudreaux, Belle Rose; (225) 473-7635.

SWINE

5 mo. feeder pigs, barred & ready to go, \$55/1; Hampshire blue butt cross, very nice blue butt, Hampshire guilts, \$75. Matt Parker, Leesville; (337) 424-6586 (337) 535-4968.

Feeder pigs, wh., healthy, lean & long, \$47.58. Les Foreman, Indian Bayou; (337) 334-5820.

Feeder/weanling pigs, corn fed, on concrete, weaning, slaughtered, \$50/1, dressed, \$1/lb. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Sun conures, pr., proven breeders, \$500/pr. Don Leche, Metairie; (504) 889-1784.

Hf baby cockatiels, (30) to pick from, few breeders, \$35/1-up. Margie Kibodeaux, Crowley; (337) 788-3818.

Rare leadbeater male, 2 ½ yrs., hf, very tame, gorgeous cond., \$3000. Leanna Meaux, Slidell; (985) 641-6035.

Indian ringneck parakeets, '05 hatch, blue, violet, violet-green/blue, also breeder prs., \$125/1-\$2000/pr. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Parakeets, \$4-\$5/1; cockatiels, \$25-\$35/1; normals, burkes, \$45/1; diamond doves, \$6/1. Grace Manuel, Kinder; (337) 738-5349.

(3) Congo gray males, all proven males, \$550/1. Charles Legaux, Edgard; (985) 497-3264.

Rosellas, colorful, healthy, fiery eastern, breeder age, \$400/pr. J. Oliver, Sunset; (337) 351-2873.

Doves, young, mixed colors, \$5/1. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Pr. nanday conures, \$250/pr.; proven male dusky, \$150/1; proven male Senegal, \$150/1; pr. Solomon Isle, eclectus, \$1200/pr; (2) young Solomon Isle, eclectus males, parent fed, will make good breeders, \$550/1. C. Legaux, Edgard; (985) 497-3264.

Canaries, females, \$35/1; singing males, \$45/1-up. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

Lovebirds, \$35/1; blue mask, \$45/1; rainbow lorries, \$250; red lorries, \$300; male sun conures, \$150/1; cherry heads, \$400/pr. Jeff Walton, Livingston; (225) 937-9159.

Parrots, overstocked, Mexican redheads, breeder, bonded pr., 11 yrs., \$350; orange-wing Amazon breeder male, 8 yrs., \$100; Patagonian DNA test male, 1 yr., \$100; Patagonian baby, born 3/18/06, \$100. R. LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

Metal nest boxes, all sizes, \$15/1-up; lovebird babies, \$35/1-up; lilac crown Amazon pr., \$800; blue crown breeder, \$250, '05 ringneck lacewing, \$200; young parakeets, \$10/1. M. Finch, Walker; (225) 665-9837.

Indian ringneck, gray, mature, (3) \$250/1; sun conure, (1) male, \$200. Freddie Tassin, Bunkie; (318) 346-9344.

Ringneck dove, normals & wh., \$7.5-\$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20-\$30/pr. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

(1) pr. scarlet macaws, \$1800; (1) pr. blue & gold macaws, \$1200; proven female umbrella cockatoo, \$850; proven male umbrella cockatoo, \$750; unproven male umbrella

cockatoo, \$500; (1) proven pr. cherry head conures, \$450; (1) proven pr. nanday conures, \$300; approx. 45 breeder cockatiel w/cages & nest boxes, \$1200. Frankie Culmone, Walker; (225) 892-2266 or (225) 667-7989.

Quaker parrots, blue female, \$400; pallid blue female, \$575; pallid blue male, \$950; blue split to pallid male, \$625; green split to pallid male, \$400, can make unrelated prs.. Carol Phillips, Logansport; www.cdpaviary.com, (318) 697-7241 or (318) 422-2364.

Doves, wh., \$7.5/1; pied, \$5.5/1. Jim Bearb, Carencro; (337) 896-3475.

Cockatiels, breeder age & hand fed, grays, peds, cinnamons, lutinos, albinos, white-face, pearls & most combos all seamless banded & certificate included, \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

Finches, diamond fire tail, lady gouldians, shaft tail, all these have prs. & young unsexed birds, society & zebra, my mutation, \$6/1-up. Terry Perez, Cut Off; (985) 665-3902.

GQF incubator, \$200; (5) stainless steel automatic waterers, new, never used, \$25/1. Allen Heard, DeQuincy; (337) 786-8401.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Muscovys, young males, \$6/1; ducklings, \$3/1. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Canadian goslings, \$15 & \$20/1. Bobby Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2588.

Bantam hens, mixed w/game, good setters, \$3/1; roosters, \$2/1 or \$1.75/1 if 10 or more purchased. Bobby Martin, Pineville; (318) 640-5019.

African geese, now laying, \$40/pr.; goose eggs, hatching, \$1/1; empty goose eggs shells for painting, \$1/1, no shipping. B. Martin, Pineville; (318) 640-5019.

Pharaoh quail, 35¢/1 to \$2/1; eggs, \$15/100; dressed quail, \$25/doz. C.J. Hoffpauir, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7495.

Taking orders for wh. face whistling ducks, wh. English call ducks, cho & reg. Muscovy ducks, already have babies, plus other kinds of duck eggs in incubator. Sterling Bergeron, Houma; (985) 851-6076 or (985) 791-6786.

Baby chicks, different varieties, unsexed, 4-8 wks., \$1.5-\$2/1. Milton Allen, Denham Springs; (225) 665-7606.

(2) 8'x3'x18" dbl. compartment brooders w/lights, \$50/1. Tina Pilione, Eunice; (337) 580-0068.

Ringneck pheasant chicks, \$1.5/1; ringneck pheasant eggs, 65¢/1, will ship eggs if desired.

Darrell Arabie, Duson; (337) 849-3718.

(2) Royal palm turkey gobblers, these are beautiful heritage turkeys, \$25/1 or trade for one royal palm hen. Norman or Susie Stretton, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7600.

Guinea keets, jumbo French pearls, 1-3 days old, \$1.5/1; 4-8 days old, \$2/1. Presley Hebert, Youngsville; (337) 856-6135.

Malaysian seramas, \$25/pr.; racing wh. homers, \$20/pr. Patrick Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-2013.

GQF cabinet incubator, three auto turning trays & one hatching tray, see through glass door, auto waterer, excel. cond., \$450. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

Fertile duck eggs for hatching or eating, \$1.5/doz.; baby chicks, \$1.5/1; fertile chicken eggs, for hatching or eating, \$1/doz.; chicks, 75¢/1. Ervin Crawford, Hammond; (225) 294-3767.

2006 hatch wh. mute swans, DNS sexed, \$200/1. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

Adult India blue peacocks, females, \$75/1; males, \$100/1. J. Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

Canadian geese, young, \$65/1. George Remmetter, Slaughter; (225) 654-2763.

Muscovy ducks, \$7-\$9/1; full grown RR rooster, frying size, African geese, full grown, \$15/1. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

Guinea eggs, \$6/doz. Randy Mayeux, Dupont; (318) 922-3785.

Muscovy ducks, blk. & wh., wh. & gray, wh., adults, \$6/1; ducklings, \$5/1; babies, \$1/1. Paul Bertrand, Baldwin; (337) 924-7405 or (985) 860-0615.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, day old chicks, \$35/100; adult birds, \$2-\$2.5/1; hatching eggs, \$15/100; pickling eggs, \$10/100. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632 or (337) 258-4148.

Fresh yard eggs, \$1.55/doz. Barbara Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9955.

Sex linked laying hens, laying large brown eggs, \$7/1. Maria Davidson, Clinton; (225) 683-8406.

Jumbo Pharaoh quail, day old chicks, \$40/100; wk. old chicks, \$75/100; live, \$22/doz.; dressed, \$25/doz.; hatching eggs, \$20/100; pickling eggs, \$10/100. Danny Comeaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-4194 or (337) 658-9744.

Pharaoh quails, golden Manchurian & wh., eggs, 20¢/1; live, 40¢-\$2.1/1; dressed, \$28/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Wanted: chicken pullets, ducks, guineas, geese, turkey hens & bantams, assorted, mixed etc. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

Wanted: India blue peahen, 2-3 yrs., within 75 miles of DeRidder. Norman or Susie Stretton, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7600.

PIGEONS

Wh. homers, saddle back homers, \$6/1; young prs., \$12/1. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Racing Homers, \$3.5/1 or \$3/1 if 20 or more purchased. Bobby Martin, Pineville; (318) 640-5019.

Wh. utility & show kings, crossed, singles, \$7/1; prs., \$20, will trade for New Zealand white or red rabbits. Joseph Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-5807.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

New Zealand, New Zealand & checkered crosses, does, bucks & breeders, \$10/1-up. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Mixed NZ rabbits, 6 wks., \$7/1. Kelvin Perron, Port Allen; (225) 614-6843.

Large breed mixed, 10 mo. proven bucks & does, checkered & Flemish giants, \$15/1. Timothy Hymel, Paulina; (225) 869-3627.

Wanted: Netherland dwarf doe, young, just weaned if possible, near central Louisiana, reg. not required. Silas Axsom, Natchitoches; (318) 379-0437.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Blue catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; coppnose bluegill, 25¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; chinquapin, 30¢/1; blk. crappie, 30¢/1; bass, 50¢/1, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

Diesel pump, \$100. Ray Couvillion, Abbeville; (337) 893-1996 or (337) 523-3228.

Pond stocking, catfish, bluegill, hybrid bream, largemouth bass, blk. crappie, discount prices, free del. Mark Parker, Simpson; (800) 362-3390.

BEES/HONEY

Wanted: honey extractor, 20-35 frame. Bud Evans, Bossier City; (318) 746-6320.

FARM SERVICES

Dog training, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Horse boarding, stalls for rent & pasture, full or partial board, lots

of riding area, rd. pen, trailer storage, in West Baton Rouge area. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

Beef carcass ultrasound, CUP lab cert. tech., artificial insemination, freeze branding, custom made freeze brands. Trent Graves, Prairieville; www.bluebonnetlive-stock.com or (225) 324-5501.

Four Winds custom saddles & tack, repair saddles, all saddles done w/US leather, all work guaranteed. Paul Miller, Glenmora; (318) 634-7463.

Horse training in family setting, all breeds & ages, call for apt. only. Angie Hazelton, Dry Prong; (318) 899-1932.

Will haul your trac. or other farm equip., cars, trucks etc., for a reasonable fee, any distance, rain or shine, day or night. Walter Buller, Amite; (225) 439-0357.

No till grain drill available to use on your farm for a fee. Bryan Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813 or (337) 654-4754.

Custom harvest wheat, milo, beans, can arrange hauling. Ron Fuqua, Marksville; (318) 253-4682.

Custom cut grain & soybeans, hauling avail., Case IH 2388, 25' header, Y&M monitor, extended bin. Ronnie Prather, Marksville; (318) 305-1265 or (318) 253-4981.

Land clearing, clear trees, underbrush & stumps, w/no disposal, haul off or burning, only 5 machines this size in the US, reasonable rates. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

Custom harvesting (2) JD 9600 combines, all of Louisiana areas, reasonable rates, all support equip. & trucks included, booking wheat now. Boogie Bass, Jonesville; (318) 339-6734 or (318) 758-6369.

Service for hire, trac. work, \$45/hr.; dozer work, \$55/hr.; backhoe work, \$55/hrs; hauling service, \$2.93/mile, one way. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9957 or (318) 471-9272.

Wanted: experienced equip. operators, mechanics & truck drivers. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Wanted: 10-15 acres new Loreauville, St. Martinville or New Iberia for small farm, reasonably priced. P. Beyt, New Iberia; (337) 367-1335 or (337) 967-1522.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Border grass, liriopae, green, silver & monkey, \$1 & \$2/per bucket. Sharkey Chaney, Gonzales; (225) 673-3884.

Blackberries, Roseborough, large, sweet, 1 & 2-gal., at place, \$6/1; blueberries, three varieties, \$7/1. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Virus resistant, Stilleto bell peppers, tomatoes BHN 640, Amelia & Health kick, 4" pots, \$1.25/1 at place. J. Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Daylilies, plants, \$1/1 or \$5/6; purple iris, \$5/18. Dean, Marksaville; (318) 253-8384.

Gourd seed, shapes vary, seed saved from gourds used to make Purple Martin houses, '05 crop, one cup, \$6/1, plus \$1.55 postage. C. M. Overby, P.O. Box 169, Oak Grove, LA 71263; (318) 428-9452.

Birdseye, Peter, yellow squash peppers, Chinaberry, bush cherry, Confederate rose, climbing Malabar spinach, red Texas star, pink hibiscus, stepmother's vine, pink climbing trumpet vine, red & wh. cypress vine, \$1.5/pkt. w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Perique tobacco seeds, La. native, grown by Choctaws & French, send SASE & \$2/200 seeds. Jim Bowman, 165 Bowman Road, Jonesville, LA 71343; (318) 339-4289.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$10/1; 20 varieties, SASE for list, will ship. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Orient pear trees, grafted, 10', \$25/1; celeste fig, 8'-10', \$21/1. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Pecan tree stock, in 5-gal. pots, ready for grafting, 1000 trees ready to go, must purchase all, \$6/1. Earl Norman, Cottonport; (318) 876-3346.

Windmill palms, jelly palms, pygmy date palms, \$5-\$15/1; Celeste & brown turkey figs, 5' tall, \$8/1; magnolia grandiflora, 5' tall, \$10/1; Japanese yew bushes, \$15/1; monkey grass, 3 qt. tufts, \$1/1. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Wh. peach, \$8-\$15/1; sweet

lemon, \$8/1; Myers lemon, \$10-\$20/1; bush cherry, \$7/1; Celeste, green ischia figs, \$8-\$15/1; purple La. iris, \$4/6; purple Lily of the Nile, \$20/13. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Louisiana live oaks, good stock, single leader, 1-gal., 2'-3', \$2/1. A. M. Gray, III, Patterson; (985) 395-5193 or (985) 518-4711.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also sago palms, Pindo (jelly) palms, Mexican plum, native magnolia, burr oak, \$10-\$35/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

All kinds of plants & trees, complete nursery, in pots, several thousand blooming now, \$2-\$25, buy me out, make offer, send SASE for list. Lee Cook, 56463 Hwy. 445, Husser, LA 70442; (985) 748-7043.

Wanted: Ju-Jube trees, fruit about the size of an olive, within 50 miles of Baton Rouge. Ralph or Janice Altazan, Port Allen; (225) 343-3176.

HAY & GRAIN

Grass hay, sq. bales, in barn, never been wet, baled '05, \$2/1. J.C. Sprague, New Iberia; (337) 364-2743.

2006 Alicia/Bahia/Coastal/Tifton-44/Johnsongrass, all mixed hay, \$9.25-\$45/1, del. avail. at \$2.93/mile, one way. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

2006 crop 1st cutting, Alicia clover mix, fert. & clean, sq. bales, you load, \$3-\$3.5/1; pure Alicia, late May/June, \$4-\$4.5. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

4x5 rd. bales Bahia, fert., in barn, we load, \$15-\$20. Nelson Doolittle, Loranger; leave message after 10 rings if no answer (985) 878-6111.

Wanted: Jiggs Bermuda rd. bales. B. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

MF trac., 75 hp & 15' batwing mower, \$12,000; 3 pt. ditching machine, \$200; 3 pt. seeder & fert., \$150; 300 amp welding machine & trailer, \$1800; heavy bumper for Ford trac., 35 series, \$100. Allen Heard, DeQuincy; (337) 786-8401.

Creosote lumber, 1x6x16, 294 board, \$5/1; fence posts, \$1/1; (5) rolls, new barb wire, \$25/1. Allen Heard, DeQuincy; (337) 786-8401.

847 NH rd. baler, \$1500. Donald Zeringue, Raceland; (985) 537-3905.

Farmall H trac. w/3 pt. hitch, good cond. John Dorsa, Tickfaw; pearldorsa@yahoo.com or (985)

345-3718.

Like new 28 hp 4x4 w/loader & top, 26 hrs. on trac., \$9000. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; call between 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-5524.

Hay outfit, Kuhn GMD 600 cutter, cut less than 500 rolls, excel. cond. & Vermeer WR-20; 8-wheel V-rake, excel. cond., will not sell separately, \$5500/both. Ray Dyess, Marthaville; (318) 256-2793.

Farmall 100 Super A trac., excel. cond., \$2500 obo. Miles McNeely, Hornbeck; (318) 565-4060.

JD 6000, hi-cycle cab, a/c, \$6000; JD 6000 hi-cycle cab, a/c, \$7000. H. C. Boone, Jr., Lecompte; (318) 776-9458.

NH 851 balers, buy one, get one for free, \$1200/both. Kenneth Loftin, Elm Grove; (318) 747-5365.

HD 1-row planter, \$300. Fabian Geisman, Atlanta; (318) 646-9415.

6" 3 pt. post hole digger, \$250; 6' disc, \$500; 5' bush hog, \$300. James Mott, Pollock; (318) 664-4518.

5' disc, 16x18 adjustable w/sealed bearings, \$500; 5' bush hog, new, used once, 3 pt. draw bar, \$30; middle buster, \$150. Leo Pellerin, Alexandria; (318) 445-3713.

Case 990 loader, \$7500; Ford 3000, \$4500. Joe Major, Church Point; (337) 684-6474 or (337) 945-6960.

M8200 Kubota 2 wd trac., garage kept, great cond., 250 hrs., \$18,500. George Remmetter, Slaughter; (225) 654-2763.

1-row riding digger, \$3800; 2-row potato planter, \$400. Daniel Laborde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

NH 853 rd. baler, 5x5, fast new, good cond., \$3000. Ellis Sanson, Jonesville; (318) 339-8926.

Farmall 100 high crop trac. w/hippers, \$1600 obo. Lurry LaBorde, Mansura; (318) 563-4931 or (318) 359-9893.

Case IH 7140 MFWD, \$24,000; JD 4630 c/a, Quad range, \$7500; IH 490, 28' disc, \$3000; 20' stripper header, \$10,000; 16' water buffalo, \$2000; levee squeeze, \$1000. Robert Laborde, Mansura; (318) 253-8721.

Kuhn 7' hay mower, almost new cond., \$4500; F-125 mold board plow, \$500; 11 1/2' disc harrow, \$1500. Juanita Copenhaver, DeRidder; (337) 463-9365.

1949 Int. Farmall Super C, runs great, has hyd. 3 pt. hitch, includes bush hog & dirt blade, ready for work or restoration, \$1500 obo. Rusty Anderson, Shreveport; (318) 230-6239.

Case MX110 w/Great Bend 760 loader, comfort cab, well maintained, \$36,500. Jerry Holmes, Keatchie; (318) 933-5375.

Ford 8N trac., very clean, in good cond., good rubber, barn kept, \$3000. F. A. Calcote, Bunkie; (318) 346-6486 or (318) 201-0323.

1947 Farmall M running cond.,

good rubber, 3 pt. hitch, (1) carcass for parts, \$500 both or trade for 8'-10' cultipacker. Joe Kinchen, St. Gabriel; (225) 642-8250.

MF 35, 4 cyl. diesel trac., excel. cond., remote hydraulics, high & low range trans., rebuilt motor & injector pump, new brakes etc., \$3850. Walter Buller, Amite; (225) 439-0357.

Ford 3000 gas trac., 40 hp, new exhaust system, looks & runs great, \$3675; Int. McCormick Farmall 560, 6 cyl. diesel trac., 66 hp, 3 pt. hitch, new tires, wide front-end, no smoke, \$3950. W. Buller, Amite; (225) 439-0357.

7060 Allis Chalmers, '83 model, 160 hp, cab & air, power shift, elec. mirrors, dual rear remotes, joystick front loader w/7' bucket, 20.8x8x38 duals, very clean, well maintained, \$17,500. Patrick Richmond, Glenmora; (318) 447-8090 or richmond farms29@centurytel.net.

660 NH rd. baler, auto wrap, excel. shape, field ready, new belts, \$7700 obo; 3 pt. big wheel hay rake, \$500; 3020 JD diesel, in good shape, \$7550. Robert Allen, Batchelor; (225) 718-2875.

Lockwood vegetable grading table, 16'x3', incline feed, chain sizer, inspection rollers, side platforms, adjustable, built on wheels with tongue, can email pictures, \$2000. Scott Ryan, Shreveport; (318) 470-6517.

Ford 1710 excel. cond., 3 cyl. diesel, 28 hp, \$5200. Danny Leger, Eunice; (337) 459-9597.

Cotton trailer, 10' wide, 40' long, \$1450; (3) 8' wide, 36'-40' long, \$950; (65) 31' joints of 6" PVC gated pipe 50¢/ft. if all taken; 8" ITT Marlow PTO pump, \$1400. R. T. Faulk, Monroe; (318) 340-0680.

855 NH auto wrap baler, 5x6 new air bags & pickup reel, \$800. Hal Stelly, Kaplan; (337) 643-8075.

IH 815 combine, \$1700; 2 post canopy w/fenders for IH trac., \$800; IH D414 engine, complete, \$500. Shaun Peck, Arnaudville; (337) 945-2700.

Class Rollant 62 rd. baler, in excel. cond., makes 4x5 bales, \$5000. Hilton Ponthier, Hessmer; (318) 563-4482.

5' bush hog type pasture cutter, \$500; 5' Woods finishing mower, \$10,000; 5' disc, adjustable w/sealed bearings, \$600. Bill Pellerin, Alexandria; (318) 445-3713.

NH model 356 roll bar rake, like new cond., \$1500; model HS360 PZ hay tedder, old, but in good cond., \$500. L. Courville, Hessmer; (318) 563-4374.

Bob Cat 753 6' box, \$11,000; Hezie Brown, \$11,000. Mike Brown, Killian; (225) 695-6705 or (225) 229-2244.

MF 210 trac., diesel, 21 hp, 540 PTO, 3 pt. hitch, 1-row hipers, drag, planters, cult., all 3 pt. hitch, great gardening equip., \$4250. P.F. Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6988.

JDRM 6-row cult., spray fenders

& overhead spray w/tank, \$350; 6-row rolling cult. w/spray tips overhead, \$500; 6-row crop maker, 20" sweeps, overhead & behind spray, \$200, will trade any or all for 6'-8' disc or good 6' pasture clipper. Percell Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

JD 4840, c/h/a, hydrostat, 20.8 duals, (2) 150-gal. mounted chemical tanks, good clean trac., 6-row JD 7100 planters w/dbl. gauge wheels, insecticide boxes & monitors, spare parts, 6-row Glenco cultivator w/spray fenders & overhead spray tips, 13' Rhino clipper, looks rough, but works, \$15,500, will sell separately. Judy Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

NH 615 hay cutter, very limited use, baled less than 2000 bales, \$3900 obo. Chris Vidrine, Lafayette; (337) 278-4093.

JD Z-trac 737, 60" cut, 23 hp, Kawasaki V-twin engine, used only 63 hrs., like new, \$6000. Keith Matherne, French Settlement; (225) 698-3911.

5' bush hog, \$400; 4' bush hog, \$400; 4' belly mower, w/Woods attachment, \$250; 5' belly mower w/Woods attachment, \$500; (2) sets rear tires & wheels for IH low-boy Cub, 9.5x24x7.5x24, \$100/set. Don Wright, Oakdale; (318) 335-3840 or (318) 335-0869.

Bionic grader blade, new 5', \$600. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Allis Chalmers roto baler, last used 5 yrs. ago, \$600. Gene McCarty, West Monroe; (318) 323-2170.

13'8" AC pasture mower, pull type, \$1000; pasture sprayer, 3 pt. hitch, boom, 200-gal. tank, \$800; Case stationary engine, 50 hp on LPG, \$1500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Pasture Dream planter, \$3725; mold poison killer, \$714; Bermuda King sprig harvester, \$5375; 6' row cult., \$738. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9952 or (318) 471-9276.

IH 856 w/bush hog #2845 front-end loader, \$8500; Case 1394, \$1000; front & rear axle for row crop 1066 IH, \$1000 obo; Woods 14' mower, \$1000 obo. G. Schexnayder, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-9844 or (225) 445-4131.

Case 1175, 125 hp, good cond. w/dual wheels, \$5000; JD 310 disc, 15', good cond., \$3000. Anthony Shaidae, Greensburg; (225) 665-1409 or (225) 931-1383.

JD 925 header, poly skids & row dividers, \$6750; '98 JD 9610 combine, 2000 separate engine hrs., \$56,500. S. Paulk, Olla; (318) 992-4815 or (318) 729-2323.

4300 Case IH field cult., \$5000; model 710 EZ trail grain cart, new in '04, \$8500. Sheri Paulk, Olla; (318) 992-4815 or (318) 729-2323.

Ford Jubilee w/5' sidewinder bush hog, \$2500; 4' bush hog, \$325; 5' box blade, \$300; Cub belly mowers, \$300-\$500; extra Cub parts & plow tools avail. J. Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

5th wheel, \$150; 1-row cultivator, \$145; 1 or 2-row toolbar, \$100; Gee Wiz, \$60 & \$70; middle buster, \$50-\$85. F. A. Andries, Pollock; (318) 765-9260.

JD 535 rd. baler, w/bale track monitor, 5x6 bales, \$12,000; Long 680 trac., 67 hp, metal canopy, wide tires, remotes, \$12,000, both shedded, in excel. cond. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette; (337) 984-6267.

JD hyd. heavy-duty cutting disc, \$2000. Odell Cobb, Robeline; (318) 472-8256.

12' aerator, hydraulics work, \$500; 12' breaking disc, has hydraulic, \$400; viber shank, 11', no hydraulics, \$200. Curry Perkins, Ragley; call after 8 p.m. (337) 666-2608.

450 Mahindra trac., 45 hp w/box blades, 11 yrs. w/very low hrs., runs great, good cond., \$5000. Fred Arcement, Waggaman; (504) 451-4730.

2000 Model T35 NH front-end loader, low hrs., \$10,500; Farmall Cub, excel. cond., rebuilt, front cultivators only, \$1500. Kenneth Clifton, Sikes; (318) 628-6109.

JD 4020, strong engine, new injector pump, 100% rubber, shift problems, \$5500. Tom Richard, Scott; (337) 235-0764.

Sitrex 8-wheel V rake, 3 pt. hitch, in good cond., field ready, \$1000. Terry Grady, Batchelor; (225) 492-3211.

Ford 1710 excel. cond., 3 cyl. diesel, 28 hp, \$5800. Danny Leger, Eunice; (337) 459-9597.

6-row hipsters w/middle busters, \$250. Richard Satterley, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

Monosem for row air planter, has many planting plates, also hook for planter, needs new vacuum hoses, \$600 firm. R. Satterley, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

11-yard Warren litter spreader, hydraulic & elec. controls, extra set of tires w/rims, \$7500. M. B. Wood, Ringgold; (318) 932-6181.

JD 6000, high cycle cab, a/c, \$6000; JD 6000, high cycle cab, a/c, \$3000. H. C. Boone, Jr., Lecompte; (318) 776-9458.

4' Bush Hog brand bush hog, field ready, \$350. Starks Johnson, Lake Charles; (337) 598-2912.

1327 JD hay disc mower/conditioner, tine type, good cond., rebuilt cutter bar, ready to work, \$2950; hyd. hay fork, 3 pt. attachment, w/stack rolled hay on trailer or 2-3 high in barn, good cond., \$600. J. W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

Boomless spray rig by Bell manufacturing, on 3 pt. hitch, nozzles stray up to 40', 110-gal. tank, included hand wand, used very little, new costs \$1250, sell for \$850. J. McGraw, Winnsboro; (318) 435-5208.

416 Caterpillar backhoe, \$18,500; 684 Int. trac. & front-end loader, \$12,500; NH hay baler, \$2500; 7' hay cutter, \$2500; KG shearing dozer blade, \$995. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 276-9410.

5' disc, 16'x18 adjustable, \$500; new 5' bush hog, \$500; new trac. canopy, \$150. Leo Pellerin, Alexandria; (318) 445-3713.

White 2-105, 100 hp trac., 80% rubber, good cond., \$8500; front-end loader, good cond., \$3995 or purchase both, \$11,000. Pierre Broussard, Maurice; (337) 984-9495.

Kubota L2900, 4x4 loader, \$10,800; 65 hp Int. trac., 800 hrs., excel. cond., \$6850. S. Hamm, Bossier City; (318) 453-3330.

JD trac., front-end loader, hyd. box blade, \$7850; 15' bush hog, looks rough, runs well, \$1550; 7' disc mower, \$1950; Hesston rd. baler, good cond., \$1950; new finishing mower, \$8502; 65 hp Int. tracs., loaders, (1) gas, \$1950; (1) diesel, \$10,800. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

(2) JD 466 balers, excel. shape, \$11,200 & \$9800; Int. 65 hp, cab, air, 1100 hrs., loader, very nice trac., \$15,000. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

Bush hog loader, fits 50-65 hp trac., one year, \$3800; (2) new JD baler drive lines, \$1200/both. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

Wanted: JD 22' ridged header, good cond., gear box for Tri-state grain cart, good cond. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland; (225) 405-6965.

Wanted: Bermuda grass sprigger for planting cutting and/or springs 2, 3, 4 or 5 row. Preston Hutson, Bossier City; (318) 347-2008.

Wanted: older Int. trac. w/front-end loader 70+ or more hp. P. Hutson, Bossier City; (318) 347-2008.

Wanted: tracs. & implements, any cond. Danny Leger, Eunice; (337) 457-9597.

Wanted: 100+ hp trac., 2wd or 4 wd, excavator or dozer, any size, good or fair shape OK, cash. R. Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 637-3900.

Wanted: tracs. & implements, any cond. Danny Leger, Eunice; (337) 457-9597.

Wanted: 8-10 Brillion cultipacker in reasonably good cond., single or dual. Joe Kinchen, St. Gabriel; (225) 642-8250.

Wanted: trade 4' bush hog for 5' or 6' bush hog. P.J. Domingue, Church Point; (337) 684-5647.

Wanted: rear blade for Ford 8N trac., preferably 5', light weight, can tilt to either side to clean or dig a ditch, also drag at an angle to roll or level dirt. W. J. LeBoeuf, Kaplan; (337) 643-2611.

Wanted: 450 Case dozers, any shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 592-0170.

Wanted: small gardening tools to make & take care of garden. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; call between 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-5524.

Wanted: seeder-planter for row crop trac. Jerry McInnis, Port Arthur, TX; (409) 626-4780.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1993 F-250 dually, 5 spd., good shape, diesel engine, \$3150. Robert Allen, Batchelor; (225) 718-2875.

2001 F-250 diesel XLT, 6 spd., ext. cab, 45,000 miles, hide-a-way hitch, spray-in bed liner, nerf bars, excel. cond., \$20,500. Jamie Miller, Ville Platte; (337) 506-3993.

1977 F-150, 4wd, 351 M engine, 4 spd. manual trans., manual locking hubs, needs work, \$1200. D. Wilson, Slaughter; (225) 683-3044 or (225) 241-1754.

1994 Chevy Silverado 3500, 1-ton dually, 6.5 turbo diesel, loaded, one owner, near showroom cond., 97,000 miles, \$14,000 obo. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; call 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-5524.

1990 Int. DT 466 w/15-yard dump bed, 13 spd., \$16,500; '95 Chevy Kodiak 14-yard dump truck, Cat engine, 8 spd., 488 rears, \$19,500. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

1998 Dodge diesel, ¾-ton 4 dr., long bed, p/w, p/l, standard 5 spd. trans., 168,000 miles, excel. cond., Tonneau cover, blue w/gray, \$10,000 obo. Pat Burmaster, Folsom; (985) 796-5123.

Wanted: Volkswagen bus, running or not, within 50-75 miles of Clarence. Jimmy Howell, Clarence; (318) 352-2075.

Wanted: Dodge diesel, 4 wd, ¾-ton, no more than 2 yrs., low mileage. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 280-3306.

Wanted: Toyota Tundra, 1 yr., low mileage, 4 door. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 280-3306.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

Tilt top equip. trailer, 20' long, 17-ton capacity, \$1500. Mike Brown, Killian; (225) 695-6705 or (225) 229-2244.

40' gooseneck trailer, 5' dovetail, 35' flatbed, extra wide, unloading ramp, two side toolboxes, two 10,000 lb. axles, \$7500. Dwayne Riche, Cottonport; (318) 964-2473.

Ponderosa 14' stock trailer, bumper pull, new, \$3288. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2005 10' bumper, 2-horse trailer, Ponderosa, \$3100. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Bumper-pull trailer, 6'6"x24', 3 axle, closed front to haul team, open back for wagon, \$2500 firm. Pat Benoit, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-3125.

25' gooseneck trailer w/dovetail, treated floor, none nicer, \$4995 obo; 5'x10' trailer w/drop gate, perfect for 4 wheelers. Danny Leger, Eunice; (337) 457-9597.

16'x6' S&H gooseneck cattle trailer, 16" wheels & new tires, good working cond., new iron, \$2800. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

(35) cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, in good to excel. cond., for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, del. avail. \$750-\$1650/1. T.L. Enright Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Wagon w/single & dbl. hookup, natural wood finish, pin striping, hand brakes, \$1200; (2) new, mini 2-wheel carts, \$300; (2) new leather harnesses, \$100. Jerome Hammons, Many; (318) 256-2420.

2005 27' Jayco Jay flight travel trailer, like new, lived in while home was built, \$22,000. Joshua Semien, Opelousas; (337) 543-7522.

5'x8' homemade iron trailer w/rails, great cond. w/title & reg., \$250. Charles Overstreet, Lafayette; (337) 988-3426.

1999 12' Big Tex, \$800. J. Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

1993 Sooner 3-horse slant, living quarters, 8'x35', custom floor plan, full kitchen & bath, oak cabinets, generator, loaded w/options, mint cond., \$24,000. Webster LeBlanc, Abbeville; (337) 893-7182.

40' Tex-Nex gooseneck trailer, 24,000 lb. capacity w/dovetails & ramps, \$7500; 28' Donahue equip. trailer, excel. cond., \$1800; new header trailer, \$1850. Billy Paulk, Olla; (318) 992-4815 or (318) 729-2323.

20' tag-a-long w/pintle hitch, tandem dual w/elec. brakes on both axles, treated deck, 102" wide, winch binders & straps, very heavy duty, \$3500. Patrick Richmond, Glenmora; richmondfarms29@centurytel.net or (318) 447-8090.

40' gooseneck trailer, tandem dual, \$5950. W.A. Lucky III, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

Amish buggy, \$1200. J.L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 276-9410.

Wanted: welding machine, gas or diesel, reasonably priced. Danny Leger, Eunice; (337) 457-9597.

Wanted: used gooseneck flatbed, deck over wheels, 25'-32' long. Preston Hutson, Bossier City; (318) 347-2008.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Alum. grooming chute, ideal for show cattle. Randy Deshotel, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4173 or (337) 962-1910.

4-H show supply, \$300. G. Schexnayder, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-9844 or (225) 445-4131.

Okra cutters, hand operated, large model, \$160/1, others avail. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Portable diesel hydraulic water well drill rig, 500' of 1 ¼" pipe drill bits, (2) water pumps on trailer, will fit ship container, \$18,500; 6 wheelers, (11) \$2500-\$3500/1. Edgar Fowler, Pineville; (318) 445-2977.

Custom made fencing, ready to install, 3 ½" & 5" heavy wall pipe corners, \$110-\$130; Hs mid-sections, \$85. K. Matte, Branch; (337) 296-6798 or (337) 334-9272.

Wooden cattle or deer feeder, self feeder, on skids, 8' long, capacity, 3500-4000 lbs., never used, \$750. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

(150) sheets used corrugated tin, 19'x2', excel. shape, \$12/1. Scott Isgitt, Many; (318) 256-0431.

Honda 3 wheeler, 200, elec. start, \$875. Shelton Carriere, Church Point; (337) 684-6131.

2003 Honda recon, K&N high flow air filter, 22" Gator mud tires, great cond., clean, \$2000. Cody Boudreaux, Belle Rose; (225) 473-7635.

Horse stall, 12'x12', panel type, portable w/walk through gate, like new, \$400. Ralph Marks, Marksville; (318) 253-6943.

New galv. panels w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$629; 50', \$770; 60', \$958. M. Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Pasture gates, 4', \$41; 6', \$49; 8', \$54; 10', \$61; 12', \$70; 14', \$77; 16', \$85. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Galv. corral panels, del. avail., 5'x10', \$45/1 or \$1050/25; 5'x12' heavy-duty, \$68/1 or \$1625/25; 6'x12' extra heavy-duty, \$79/1 or \$1925/25; 100'x200' arena, w/10' gate, \$2830. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Galv. rd. pens, 5' tall, all include 4' bow gate, del. avail, 50', \$850; 60', \$900; 6' tall, \$1120. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Greenhouse, 18x96 frame, fitted 68% shade cloth, ground cloth fair, you dismantle, \$1200. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Bridge timbers, creosoted, in good condition, 6"x14"x20', \$45/1. J. Berlin, Pineville; (318) 445-0600.

Garden tiller, front tine wizard, 5 hp engine, in perfect running cond. but needs trans., \$125. Ronald Holsomback, Leesville; (337) 239-7742.

Honda 200 ATV, new tires, sprockets, chain & battery, runs well, needs starter, \$300. Vincent Brocato, Montgomery; (318) 646-1040.

(3) concrete culverts, approx. 4 ½' rd. & 4' long, \$50/1, you pick-up & load. Steven Hyde, Youngsville; (337) 857-8712.

16' coral panels, \$72; 12' coral

panels, \$62/1. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

10' feed troughs, \$115. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

12' cattle trailer, \$850; (2) hyd. hay rings, \$100/1; (2) fence chargers, \$60 & \$20; (2) water troughs, \$30/1; cattle guard, 15'x9½", \$250; (8) galv. panels, \$25/1. Milburn Noel, Arnaudville; (337) 662-3019.

(3) 40' gable trusses, pipe & angle iron, 10' high in center, will load, \$600/1. Patrick Richmond, Glenmora; richmondfarms29@centurytel.net or (318) 447-8090.

4 wheeler tires, Maxxas mud bug, (2) front, 12x10x27, (2) rear, 12x12x27, brand new, never on a rim, \$350. Kevin Payne, Broussard; (337) 349-3744.

Feed troughs, precast concrete, 96"x30"x24", H-bunk style, steel reinforced, \$120/1. B. Box, Shreveport; (318) 869-2085.

Powder River calf table, excel. cond., shed kept, \$475; Speidel weed wipe, 10' long, new cond., \$185. J.W. Lott, Glenmora; (318) 748-6278.

1½" x 1½" 11 gauge galv. tubing, 95¢/ft.; **2" x 2"**, 15 gauge galv. tubing, 80¢/ft.; **2¼" x 2½"**, 14 gauge galv. tubing, 95¢/ft; **2½" x 2½"**, 15 gauge galv. tubing,

\$1/ft. Colton Terrell, Kentwood; (985) 514-0722.

1" sch. 40 blk. pipe, 55¢/ft.; **2"** drill stem, \$25/1; **2 3/8"** drill stem, \$38/1. sucker rods, \$10/1. E. H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

Branding irons, custom made freeze branders, elec. branders & number sets, manufactured by Ramm, elec. dehorners also avail., \$50/1-up. Trent Graves, Prairieville; www.bluebonnetlive-stock.com or (225) 324-5501.

600 acres of timber ready to clip now, \$45,000 on the clipping. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

Kentucky cane mill, #2, \$500. Miles McNeely, Hornbeck; (318) 565-4060.

3" low milk line/receiving container/milk pump, 2" wash-up line, \$1500 or will trade for livestock. Ernest Spears, Kentwood; (985) 229-8430.

Wood splitter, \$695; mortar mixer, \$550; small sand blaster, \$125; new American made 17" roping saddle, \$495. J.L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 276-9410.

Wanted: grinder/mixer, late model, in good cond., PTO drive. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Wanted: used squeeze chute, prefer w/scale, lumber, "T" post, angle iron & drill pipe. Joseph Henry, Church Point; (337) 277-7317.

Wanted: machinist tools, trip hammer, steam related items or steam operated machinery. Gregory DeKeyser, New Iberia; gregdeke@bellsouth.net or (337) 367-0214.

Wanted: 10" or larger, 3 pt. hitch, post-hole digger, in local area. Earl Normand Jr., Cottonport; (318) 876-3346.

FROM THE FARM

Gourds-Gourds-Gourds, informative book about growing & crafting gourds by long-time gourd farmer & artist Cora Overby, \$15 plus \$1.25 postage. C. M. Overby, P.O. Box 169, Oak Grove, LA 71263; (318) 428-9452.

All natural goat milk soap, very good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, \$4/1. M. Blackmer, Lake Charles; www.hometown.aol.com/pdav-enp913 or (337) 478-2208.

Wanted: old sugar or syrup kettles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

Wanted: old gristmill or old millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com or (334) 289-8906.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Cajun Canary and Finch Club is sponsoring a bird mart and bird craft fair, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 3314 Richland in Metairie.

A large assortment of birds including parrots, cockatiels, canaries, conures, parakeets and finches will be available for sale. There will also be a wide variety of bird related crafts and bird accessories available for sale.

Bird adoption assistance will be to those who are no longer able to care for their birds. Admission is \$2 per person.

Children under six enter free.

For more information, contact Meade Phelps at (504) 887-0724 or

email neworleansmeade@cox.net.

Starks Mayhaw festival will be held May 18-20 in Starks.

Jambalaya Festival will be held May 25-28 in Gonzales. For more information visit www.jambalaya-festival.org.

Church Point Buggy Festival will be held June 1-4 in Church Point. For more information, email busybeetc@hotmail.com

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COOKERY

Celebrate Poultry and Egg Month with these tantalizing recipes

Herb Chicken

1 stick butter, softened	1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley	1/8 tsp. pepper
1 clove garlic, minced	4 large chicken breasts, split and boned
1 tsp. dried tarragon, crushed	

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Stir together butter and seasonings. Loosen skin on one side of each chicken breast to form pockets, keeping remaining outer edges intact. Place 1 tbsp. butter-herb mixture in each pocket. Close pocket and press, smoothing mixture under skin. Place chicken, skin side up, in shallow baking pan. Bake about 35 minutes or until juices run clear; baste occasionally with pan drippings. Serve immediately.

Yogurt Grilled Chicken

1/2 cup plain yogurt	1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsps. instant minced onion	1/8 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. instant minced garlic	1 1/4 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 tsp. dried crushed tarragon	

Combine yogurt, onion, garlic, tarragon, salt and pepper in shallow baking dish. Place chicken in yogurt mixture, coating both sides. Cover and refrigerate about 30 minutes. Place chicken on grill 4 to 6 inches above medium coals. Grill uncovered 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until chicken is cooked through and juices run clear.

Blue Cheese Stuffed Chicken

1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened	8 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, about 3 oz. each
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese	1 stick butter
1/4 cup chopped walnuts	1 large clove garlic, minced
3 tsps. snipped chives, divided	
3/4 tsp. pepper, divided	

Combine cheeses, walnuts, 1 tbsp. chives and 1/4 tsp. pepper, set aside. Pound chicken breasts to about 1/4 inch. Spread about 1 tbsp. cheese mixture in center of 4 chicken breast halves, leaving a 1/2 inch border on all sides. Top with remaining breast halves. Securely seal edges by pounding with meat pounder. Combine butter, garlic, remaining 2 tsps. chives and 1/2 tsp. pepper in small saucepan. Heat over medium-low heat until butter melts. Brush chicken liberally with butter mixture. Place chicken on grill over medium coals; grill uncovered 12-16 minutes, turning once or until chicken is cooked and juices run clear. Place a dollop of remaining cheese mixture on each serving.

Coming Your Way

Livingston Horse Show Association will hold shows beginning at 9 a.m. May 13 and May 27 at South Park in Denham Springs.

Events include halter, performance classes, English and gaited horse class, timed, novice horse and rider classes, and lead-in class for non-riders.

Age groups are peanut, pee-wee, junior and senior.

For more information, contact JoLynn Allen at (225) 665-0335 after 7 p.m. or Wanda Johnson at (225) 664-3169 after 7 p.m.

The Beefmaster and Bourbon Street Group is holding a \$25,000 winner-take-all futurity at 6 p.m. May 19 at the Florida Parishes Arena in Amite.

At 10 a.m. May 20, a registered Beefmaster cattle sale will also take place at the arena.

For more information, contact Louis Hoffer at (225) 324-1048.

Silver Spurs Riders Club will host an open horse show saddle series at West Calcasieu Arena in Sulphur.

All shows begin at 8 a.m. Dates scheduled include May 21, June 24, July 9, Aug. 6 and Sept. 10.

English, Arabian, halter, color, lunge-line, lead-line, showmanship, Western judged and

speed event classes will be available.

Stalls and hook-ups are also available.

For more information, contact Terry at (337) 884-8167 or (337) 217-3637, or Renee at (337) 855-9279.

A Vermilion Parish benefit horse show has been scheduled for 9 a.m. May 28 at Rocking Riders Arena in Milton.

Events include halter, showmanship, performance and speed for various age groups.

The show is open to all breeds.

For more information, contact Barbara Trahan at (337) 319-1829.

Calcasieu Horsman's Club has open horse shows scheduled June 24, July 8, Aug. 5 and Sept. 23 at the Jeff Davis Multi-Purpose Arena in Jennings.

The shows are PAC approved and feature four age divisions as well as special needs classes.

Classes include English, Western, halter, reining and speed events.

For more information, contact Lou Somers at (337) 497-1186 or Angie Leonard at (337) 794-0662.

Cajun Country Miniature Horse Club is hosting an open miniature horse fun show at 10 a.m. May 13 at Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales.

Classes include halter, driving, costume

and liberty. The event is open to all miniature horses. Entry fee is \$15 per person. Spectators are free.

Jambalaya and concessions will be available as well as information about the American Miniature Horse breed.

For more information, contact Gene Burns at (225) 622-1732.

Woods & Woods Auction Company in Minden will hold its first horse and mule auction May 13.

Tack sale begins at 11 a.m. and horses and mules start at 1 p.m. Proof of current Coggins test required.

Woods Ranch is holding auctions beginning at 6 p.m. the first and third Saturday of every month.

A consignment sale for tractors and equipment will be held the last Saturday of every month.

Full RV hookups and a riding arena are also available.

For more information, contact Larry Woods at (318) 377-4747 or (318) 469-0837.

The Louisiana Team Penning Association will hold shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays through September at TNT Arena in Elm Grove.

Youth classes, sorting and several penning classes will be available.

For more information, contact Billy Brossette at (318) 987-9955 or Mark Jester at (318) 752-9398.

High Delta Exotics is now open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Horse trail rides and tours cost \$15.

For more information and tour times, call 1-888-244-3319 or visit the Web site www.highdelta.com.

Southern Miniature Horse Confederation is holding a miniature horse sale and fun show at 11 a.m. June 10 at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia, Miss.

AMHR & AMHA registered miniatures, including bred mares, mares with babies, stallions and miniature donkeys, will be available. Catalog will be ready May 27 at www.smhconfederation.net.

Consignment fees due on horses, \$100, and donkeys, \$50, by May 14.

Fun show following sale. Show in any class for \$10.

For more information about the sale, contact Charlotte Spell at (985) 848-1529 or scspell@itsfast.net.

For more information about the fun show, contact Tamsie Morris at tamsiem@tycom.net or (662) 983-4482.

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end up with the secondary bacterial diseases," Luna said. "Viruses can be short-lived, do their damage and leave."

Because these invisible killers can wreak havoc upon a chicken house and an accounting balance sheet, the big chicken producers are very aware of them.

But it's hard to judge how many backyard flocks exist in the state. Time was when everybody, including city folks, raised chickens. And the backyard flocks are the ones that worry Luna the most, especially in regard to the current situation with avian influenza.

"We haven't had any outbreaks of avian influenza in Louisiana," Luna said. "If it does appear, it will probably hit backyard birds first."

Unlike enclosed commercial chicken houses, backyard flocks are more exposed to wild birds and animals and are often shipped in from other states or countries. Many are carried to shows or other events and subject to exposure from a wide variety of avian sources.

"Many bird owners just aren't aware of the risks of their birds contracting diseases," Luna said.

But Luna is cautiously optimistic.

"If we get the avian influenza that is currently spreading across Asia and Europe in the United States, I don't believe it will be as serious," she said. "In many of these foreign countries, the chickens live among the people and the virus has killed humans. They'll eat a bird that is sick or has died simply because they can't afford to throw it away. But if they don't use proper cooking techniques, the chance of the disease transferring from animal to human is increased."

Luna said the worst case scenario is if this

invisible killer mutates to a form that can readily spread from birds to people, and then from people to people. This bird to human transfer can potentially occur if the virus is allowed to mutate by hanging around long enough in a chicken flock or general bird population.

That metamorphosis can be prevented if proper biosecurity procedures are followed and birds found to be infected are properly and quickly euthanized.

When it comes to biosecurity, the large poultry producers are very strict, Luna said.

"The commercial growers don't allow visitors into the chicken houses," Luna said. "Dedicated clothing, like coveralls, is worn into the houses. Plastic boots are discarded and not brought from one house location to another."

"You shouldn't have any one on the farm except company personnel, the grower and other hired help"

Luna thinks any disease outbreak in Louisiana can be easily contained.

"Our commercial companies are constantly testing all of their flocks for avian influenza. If an outbreak occurs in a flock, it will be found, reported to the LDAF and other government agencies, and eradication efforts will begin," Luna said. "If the virus happens to mutate and readily spreads from person to person, I don't think we'll be worrying so much about our poultry flocks at that point, but I believe we are a long way off from that happening."

Information about avian influenza is available on the LDAF Web site, www.ldaf.state.la.us.



LDAF biotechnician Linzi Poole removes bio-samples from a holding tray.

— Biosecurity is key to prevention —

What do backyard poultry owners need to do to prevent a devastating disease outbreak such as avian influenza? Experts say the answer is simple: biosecurity.

Following a few simple procedures could mean the difference between losing an entire flock or enjoying fresh scrambled eggs on your breakfast table.

- **Traffic** – Control all human and animal traffic entering and exiting farms. Post biosecurity signs and lock all doors and gates. Humans are the number one method of transferring disease from one farm to another.

- **Access** – Keep a record of the dates of visits, the names of the individual visitors and the nature of their business. Have all delivery personnel, inspectors, repair people, etc. sign in.

- **Service personnel** – Flock supervisors and veterinarians need to do all they can to protect each flock from contamination. They should sanitize their hands, feet and boots before they leave a farm and before they enter another farm. They should clean their vehicles (inside and out), too.

- **Vaccination** – Use approved vaccines for disease prevention.

- **Flock profiling** – Routinely submit birds to a laboratory to have their blood titers checked for specific diseases.

- **House cleaning procedures** – Follow proper cleaning and disinfection procedures for floor houses or cage houses. In addition, backyard flock owners should not bring birds from quarantined or suspected exposed flocks

into their flocks. If it is necessary to bring outside birds into a flock, they should be quarantined for at least two weeks before introduction.

Louisiana has not had any significant outbreaks of killer poultry diseases, Dr. Lynne Luna, an avian veterinarian with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry said.

"When people protect their own pet birds and backyard flocks, they are protecting the state's \$1 billion poultry industry," Luna said.

Luna encouraged all commercial and backyard poultry owners to establish and follow a biosecurity plan at all times.

"Biosecurity is the key to keeping deadly bird diseases out of Louisiana," she said.

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Uptown Square, 200 Broadway
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Monroe
Monroe Farmers Market
1212 Washington St.
Mon. - Sat.
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June - Aug. 20

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West Monroe Farmers Market
1700 North 7th St.
Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Destrehan
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Parking lot of Ormond Plantation
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, year round

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Opelousas
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St., Hwy. 90
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
6 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Jan.-Dec.

ST. MARTIN PARISH
St. Martinville
St. Martinville Creole Farmers
Market
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30
May-Dec.

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Covington
Covington Farmers Market
City Hall, 609 North Columbia
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Mandeville Trailhead Community
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Houma
Cajun Farmers Market of Houma -
Terrebonne
Tunnel Blvd. & Naquin St.
Mon. - Sat.
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Bogalusa
Bogalusa Farmers Market
500 Block of Columbia St.
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St. Francisville Farmers Market
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Winn Farmers Market
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May: National Egg Month

New poultry lab in Homer keeps Louisiana chickens healthy

No doubt Popeye's, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Raising Cane's have revolutionized the poultry business. Chicken shacks are everywhere. And we love our chicken fried, baked, barbecued, fricasseed, kung pao-ed and broiled.

The chicken revolution has also invaded the supermarket meat case. Consumers can buy family packs of their favorite poultry parts. Does your family like drumsticks best? No problem. Legs, thighs and breasts, even drumettes (the meaty part of the chicken wing) are pre-cut and pre-packaged enabling the local grocer to serve his customer's needs and maximize profits.

Marketing techniques have helped to grow the giant market. Who knew about buffalo wings until some advertising executive created the concept? Show an advertisement of a pretty girl or a cute kid eating a chicken leg and poultry sales skyrocket.

In fact, poultry is Louisiana's number one animal industry.

Two major poultry producers, Pilgrim's Pride and House of Raeford operate three processing plants and hire 408 independent poultry farmers to raise nearly a billion pounds of broilers annually in the Bayou State.

With assets valued over \$678 million, the total economic impact derived from the common barnyard animal to the state is well over \$1.3 billion.

That's a lot of chicken feed.

But an outbreak of avian influenza or any other highly infectious bird disease could seriously affect this highly-profitable industry.

To make sure the state is properly prepared to protect against such an event, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry opened a new poultry diagnostic laboratory in Claiborne Parish, the heart of Louisiana's poultry belt.

G. Lynne Luna, DVM, an avian specialist, is the director of the facility and personally supervised the purchase and installation of the lab equipment.

"Avian influenza is a respiratory disease in birds caused by an influenza virus," Luna said. "It's not limited to chickens or even poultry. What makes avian influenza worse than other avian diseases is that it can spread rapidly and potentially kill an entire flock in less than 10 days."

"The big danger with this virus is that it can mutate. There's the low pathogenic form, which may not cause any signs of disease in the bird population, but as the virus spreads in birds, it has the potential to mutate into a high pathogenic form, which can kill 100 percent of the birds. This is a major reason why, if even a low path virus is found in a flock of chickens or turkeys, the entire flock is immediately euthanized. This helps prevent the mutation of the virus from low to high path."

A chicken house can contain as many as 25,000 chickens. Although four houses is average, a chicken farm may have as few as two or as many as twelve.

Fortunately for Louisiana, the state has not had any major problems with avian influenza, or other poultry diseases like mycoplasma, a chronic

respiratory disease prevalent in broiler-size chickens, and salmonella.

"Our companies have good biosecurity practices," Luna said. "We are also somewhat isolated from poultry production areas in other poultry producing states. There is a complex in El Dorado, Ark., but they are, for practical purposes, part of our poultry area."

Luna said the assembly line nature of modern poultry production helps to control disease.

"We have many different areas to catch these diseases," Luna said. "At the farm, we have the producer's service technicians and growers constantly looking for disease problems."

Repeat inspections by USDA officials and numerous company inspections along processing lines keep diseased birds from entering the food supply.

"If inspectors suspect disease, they take those birds off the line and send them to the LDAF Poultry Diagnostic Lab," Luna said.

The state's two major poultry producers voluntarily adhere to the standards set by the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) requiring producers to meet sanitation and disease prevention codes. The program was initiated to combat salmonella.

"Through the NPIP, we're looking for two different types of salmonella (Salmonella pullorum and Salmonella gallinarum) that are really bad for the chickens," Luna said. "These diseases not only kill chickens, they are also passed through the egg to the chicks. If we find these salmonellas, the infected flock is eradicated."

The NPIP is also available to backyard growers free of charge, Luna said. The program requires annual testing for small flocks. Producers can register for the NPIP through the LDAF.

Flock euthanasia is often the most effective means to keep the United States' food supply healthy.

"We don't want these specific avian diseases in the U.S.," Luna said.

The NPIP was created in 1935. In subsequent years, the monitoring and tracking of mycoplasma and avian influenza disease were added to the plan's responsibilities.

Voluntary participation means the growers must submit blood samples to NPIP labs every eight weeks for disease monitoring. The LDAF poultry diagnostic facility is certified as an official NPIP laboratory.

The program has become so effective poultry processors use membership in the NPIP as part of their marketing plans. Most poultry importing countries will not accept any chicken products unless the grower can show participation in the NPIP.



Dr. Lynne Luna, director of the LDAF poultry diagnostic laboratory, uses a low-pressure air stream to visually check a chick's navel for signs of inflammation or disease (below). Chick samples are necropsied for signs of avian influenza, mycoplasma and salmonella. Luna said producers who follow strict biosecurity procedures usually do not have problems with these deadly avian diseases.



"The plan helps to insure to other countries that we don't have these diseases," Luna said.

In addition to routine monitoring of NPIP blood samples, the poultry lab also runs diagnostic checks on sick birds.

Luna said it is better, for diagnostic purpose, to bring a chicken in once it begins to display any suspect symptoms.

"I can usually get a better diagnostic sample from a live chicken," she said. "If I want to do virus isolation or get genetic material from the

virus, it's better if I have a bird that is just starting to show signs, not one that is deathly ill."

Luna said newly-sickened birds are the ones where she will be able to identify culprit viruses.

"If a chicken is really sick and close to death, the virus most likely has already passed through and you

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Voluntary participation in the National Poultry Improvement Plan requires chicken producers to send blood samples to the LDAF poultry diagnostic lab every 60 days to monitor for diseases. The new LDAF facility opened in January 2006 and is an accredited NPIP lab.

